

REMARKS

Claims 6-20 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1-5 are cancelled, claims 6-9 are amended, and new claims 10-20 are herewith submitted.

In the restriction requirement of September 10, 2004 the Examiner has restricted the claims to two groups: Group I, claims 1-5, directed to a process of making, and Group II, claims 6-9, directed to a product. Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 6-9, directed to a product. Accordingly, claims 1-5 have been cancelled.

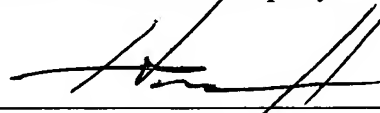
The replacement detailed description section provided with the present amendment corrects a number of typographical and grammatical errors, clarifies some passages, and includes additional reference numbers to simplify comprehension of the specification and figures. The abstract has been amended to conform to the current rules regarding length and language thereof. New claims 10-20 vary in scope from claims 6-9, and are provided to enhance protection of the inventive subject matter of the specification. Figure 3 has been amended to add reference numbers, and to clarify the features indicated by reference numbers 6 and 7. No new matter has been added with the present amendment.

Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure:

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1 Sheet of Replacement Drawings Figs. 3-5

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 3. This sheet, which includes Figures 3-5, replaces the original sheet including Figures 3-5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet